

claims 32, 33, 42, and 43 from consideration in the 22 January 2002 Office Action, and, therefore, that Office Action was incomplete. Thus, claims 1-33 and 42-43 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 32 and 33 have been cancelled, and identically rewritten as new claims 44 and 45. Thus, no new matter has been added by way of this amendment. For the Examiner's convenience, a clean copy of the entire set of pending claims is submitted herewith as Appendix A, and a marked-up copy of the amended claims is submitted herewith as Appendix B.

Accordingly, after entry of this Amendment, claims 1-31 and 42-45 will be pending in the application.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for immediate allowance. If a telephone interview would advance prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

Applicants believe that no fee is required in connection with this Amendment. If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the fees to

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Respectfully submitted,



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